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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY FRENCH TRANSPORT
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1. DOT SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S INVITATION TO STATE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT CAVAILLE TO VISIT US
(REFTEL) WAS DELIVERED DURING CALL DCM AND RCAA MADE ON
CAVAILLE ON OCTOBER 3. CAVAILLE WAS PLEASED TO
ACCEPT FOR NEXT SPRING AND HOPED BE ABLE TO TRAVEL
IN MARCH. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US FURTHER
TO FIRM UP DATES. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST TRIP
TO THE US.

2. AS REGARDS PROGRAM FOR VISIT CAVAILLE SAID
HE WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION
AND COOPERATION IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION.
HE IS OF THE BELIEF THAT IT IS URBAN PROBLEMS THAT
IN TRANSPORT SECTOR WILL HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY
IN DEVELOPED SOCIETIES IN THE COMING YEARS. HE
EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN VISITING PUEBLO
TEST CENTER AND ALSO SEEING SOME OF THE ROHR
CORP.'S PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY ITS AEROTRAIN PROTOTYPE.

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3. ON THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION IN AIRFRAME CONSTRUCTION, HE REFERRED TO DESIRABILITY OF LOOKING AHEAD TO DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND GENERATION SST. HE ALSO CONSIDERED THAT US AND EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTORS MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO PRODUCE AIRCRAFT THAT WERE NOT DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE BUT WHICH RATHER COMPLEMENTED ONE ANOTHER IN SATISFYING MARKET NEEDS. HE HOPED TO EXPLORE BOTH QUESTIONS ABOVE DURING HIS US TALKS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREMATURE TO GO INTO DETAILED PROGRAM WITH CAVAILLE AT THIS STAGE, IT LOOKS TO US AS IF SAME PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED FOR GUENA AND ACHILLE-FOULD COULD BE SUGGESTED TO CAVAILLE. SINCE HE WAS VICE-MAYOR OF TOULOUSE BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST AND TOULOUSE ECONOMY IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, IT MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE IF AFTER VISITING BOEING PLANT HE COULD MEET WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN SEATTLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO COMPARE NOTES WITH THEM ON COMMON PROBLEMS AT MUNICIPAL LEVEL.
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